

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1149

By Buck

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Buddy Parker of  
Smithville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Buddy Parker; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parker was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a respected businessman, Mr. Parker had been the owner of Smithville Builders Supply since 1962; during his forty years of exemplary service to Smithville and DeKalb County, he earned the esteem of employees and customers alike for his fairness, knowledge, and integrity in business; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parker, a firm believer in preparedness, swift action, and proper instruction as the proper tools for aiding those in crisis, served with distinction as the Director of DeKalb Emergency Management for twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parker was always available to assist his fellow citizens during emergencies; he cared deeply about DeKalb County and could always be relied upon to take charge in times of need; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parker was instrumental in helping train local firefighters, EMS crews, and law enforcement personnel to better prepare themselves for emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, instrumental in obtaining over \$300,000 in FEMA grants, Mr. Parker continually worked for the betterment of DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of the United States Army, Mr. Parker also astutely served his fellow citizens as a member of the Smithville Volunteer Fire Department, Chairman of the local Emergency 911 Board, and as a Smithville Alderman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parker, a Scottish Rite Mason, proved his concern for his community by serving in such worthy associations as the Liberty Lodge 77 and the Smithville Jaycees; and

WHEREAS, a native of DeKalb County, he was the beloved son of Charlie Samuel and Annie Bell Curtis Parker, who preceded him in death; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parker was an active and devout member of the Smithville Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parker was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parker will sorely be missed by his wife, Shirley Parker, his children and their spouses, Charlie and Joy Parker, Sara Jane Parker, Sandy and Brent Russell, and Shelby and Joey Reeder; his grandchildren, Chris and Erik Russell, Paige Reeder, Claire Garrett, and Katie Bell Parker, and his sister and brother-in-law; Audrey and Donald Owens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parker leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Buddy Parker, reflecting fondly upon his

impeccable character, his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and his dedicated service to his fellow citizens as DeKalb County Emergency Management Director.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Parker.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.